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CPC Test Calendar

WRCR NY 1300 Feb. 16 0000-0100

WRCR-1300 - Nanuet Mall, Suite 2126 - 75 West Route 59 - Nanuet, New York 10954 (city of license Spring Valley, New York) will run an equipment test with 500-watt directional signal February 16 from 0000-0100 ELT. This is a Sunday morning, and the pattern is mostly NW protecting WAVZ New Haven, CT. Morse Code, station promos, and music (AC) will be included in the test. Arranged by the NRC CPC.

From the Publisher ... Congrats to NRC CPC Chairman Ron Musco on arranging his first test (even if it is one of his own most-wanted, hi).

We're a little short this issue - not enough for a 24-pager, and a couple of articles that won't squeeze into this 16-pager.

The rumors about 'KB are apparently true - WWKB-1520 was to have begun airing a "KB Classics Format" on January 27. From the *Buffalo News*: "Don't call it oldies, we don't use that word around here," said Greg Ried, who runs Entercom Radio, which owns KB. The playlist will feature music released from 1958 until 1974. The main attraction will be nostalgia - many of KB's old jingles and commercials will be played." Thanks to Tony Fitzherbert, Mark Hattan, and others for the heads-up on this one. And former member Pete Kemp sent this URL: <<www.kb1520.com/main.php>>.

The obvious comparison between CHWO-740 and WSAI-1530, also 50 kW stations making a go of music formats, arises, but in reverse, one has to consider KVOO/KFAQ-1170's switch from traditional country to talk and, if rumors are true, KOMA-1520's imminent switch from oldies (plus brokered time) to talk.

As far as programming goes, I think most NRC members would welcome "more music and less talk", at least here and there on the radio dial ... as long as we never had to hear the "Theme from 'Shaft'" slopping over from an adjacent channel ever again. And if I never had to listen again to 45 minutes of half-baked opinions from talk show hosts, or really stupid commentary from sports talk show hosts AND their call-ins, in order to record a

top-of-the-hour ID (if the board op remembered to air the legal ID), I'd be one happy DX'er. In other words, one important factor in the attraction of new members to the hobby is what he or she has to put up with in order to ID a DX'ed station ... and how many of any of us can put up with current talk-show fare for more than an hour or so at a time, much less static? I say, encourage good programming, whatever your tastes may run to, or be ready for more stations going silent - and you can't DX a station that isn't on the air, right?

Welcome to these new members ... Joe Nichols, Fruita, CO; Peter Hubchak, Philadelphia, PA; Robb Leamy WB8BHU, Granville, OH (rejoins); William Presho, Browns Mills, NJ; Brian Leyton, Valley Village, CA; Steven A. Odenbach, The Woodlands, TX; Vern Brownell, Chatham, MA (rejoins); Deane McIntyre, Calgary, Alberta (rejoins).

DXN Publishing Schedule, Volume 70

Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date	Iss.	Deadline	Pub. Date
18.	Jan. 31	Feb. 10	25.	April 18	April 28
19.	Feb. 7	Feb. 17	26.	May 9	May 19
20.	Feb. 14	Feb. 24	27.	June 6	June 16
21.	Feb. 21	Mar. 3	28.	July 4	July 14
22.	Feb. 28	Mar. 10	29.	Aug. 1	Aug. 11
23.	Mar. 21	Mar. 31	30.	Sept. 5	Sept. 15
24.	April 4	April 14			

DX Time Machine

From the pages of DX News:

50 years ago ... from the February 7, 1953 DXN: The C. E. of WAZF-1230, Yazoo City, MS, wrote that 31 reports had been received after their DX broadcast of 1/5/53, including 4 each from PA, OH, and IA; 3 each from NY and IL, and 1 each from CA, OR, and WA.

25 years ago ... from the February 6, 1978 DXN: Mort Meehan, Twenty-Nine Palms, CA, said that he was retired again after a 6-week stint at the post office, and that he had missed some DX but was able to buy a Panasonic RF-2200 and a FRG-7 with the money he earned. He reported hearing KRVN-880 on January 13 at 1 pm, giving the temperature as 18 degrees.

10 years ago ... from the February 8, 1993 DXN: Tom Bryant reported that R. Cayman was soon to cease broadcasting on 1205 and 1555 kHz and would move to FM.

AM Switch

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

CALL LETTER CHANGES

	Old call		New call
640	WLWJ	FL Royal Palm Beach	WJNA
1040	WJNA	FL Boynton Beach	WLWJ

*Note: This clears up the FCC snafu in Issue #15

APPLICATIONS / GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS
None

APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

760	WEFL	FL	Tequesta: 3000/1500 U4 (reapplication)
1210	WNMA	FL	Miami Springs: 47000/2500 (47000 CH) U13
1210	KGYN	OK	Guymon: 50000/10000 U4 (no mention of city-of-license change in this application)
1270	WXYT	MI	Detroit: 50000/50000 U4 (proposes to consolidate daytime and nighttime transmitter locations at present daytime site)
1400	KTEM	TX	Temple: 950/950 U1
1550	WRHC	FL	Coral Gables: 25000/5000 U4

GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

550	CKPG	BC	Prince George: to 99.3 FM
560	CKNL	BC	Fort St. John: to 101.5 FM
830	CFJR	ON	Brockville: to 104.9 FM
930	WLLL	VA	Lynchburg: 9000/42 U1
990	CBJ4	PQ	L'Anse-St-Jean: to 101.9 FM
1140	CBJ5	PQ	Petit-Saguenay: to 101.9 FM (CBJ4, above, and CBJ5 will both be replaced with a single FM station on 101.9)
1290	WTMI	CT	West Hartford: 490/11 U1
1330	WRCA	MA	Waltham: city of license to Watertown, MA (for 25000/17000 U4 CP shown in Issue #15)

OTHERNESS

540	WLIE	NY	Islip: CP for 1100/220 U4 is on
590	WLVA	VA	Lynchburg: silent station is ON THE AIR (relays WOWZ-1280)
900	WWLK	KY	Eddyville: SILENT
1400	WGTN	SC	Georgetown: CP to relocate transmitter is on
1440	WMDJ	KY	Martin: license CANCELLED, AM call DELETED (call remains on 100.1 FM)
1570	WKBH	WI	Holmen: SILENT pending a sale

THANKS: Bill Hale, Ed Krejny, Shawn Axlerod, Jim Wiskow, & MSJ

73 and Good DX, Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Foonman

Broadcasters' Guides to DX and Reception Report Forms

Four different tri-fold guides for use with reception reports explaining DX'ing, how the NRC was formed, and the importance of QSL's to DX'ers. AM editions in English (EEG), Spanish (SSG), and French (FFG); FM edition in English (FMG). 20 for US\$3.50 (\$4.50 non-members). Reception report forms (NRC members ONLY, please) with NRC logo: in English, 50 for \$6.00 (EEFF); in Spanish, .50 each (SSRF); in French, .50 each (FERF). Order from NRC Publications. (NY residents, add sales tax)

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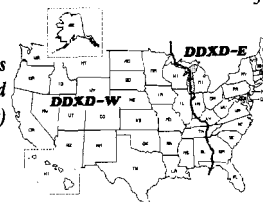
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DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. ELT

DDXD-West

MEDIUM WAVE RAMBLINGS

- ❑ No longer a secret: "EXCELLENT in the morning 1/17. Got the third Canadian of the Year." - KR-AZ; WCIS was new station #4 for the year. I'm ahead of 2002 already and conditions have been better! Overnight taping on 1490 = nothing" "There's a new TIS at Mitchell Int'l Airport on 1320 kHz [see logging below - Ed.]. I could not copy calls clearly. If I can hear with calls again, I'll submit. This TIS has moved from 1610 to 1180 to 1320 and is off more than it's on! (Good! Maybe once IBOC is in place, they can spend \$75K on that! Aw, the gov't wouldn't waste money, hi!)" ... and ... "I e-mailed KBUR asking if they flipped from NOS and of course, never got a reply. Should have told them my 'rich uncle in Burlington' was an advertiser, hi! Website was not descriptive on format." - JJR-WI;
- ❑ A few of the loggings this time indicate to me that they were NOT in ELT. I believe I caught them and did the proper adjusting. Please remember to convert the times of your logs to Eastern.
- ❑ As announced last issue, this week's Challenge of 550 kHz is the last West Challenge. Those loggings received by January 31st should be reported by Thursday, February 6th, which will be included in Issue 19, then pick up wherever the East Challenge has brought us. Just remember to designate the loggings as 'for the Challenge', so I can put them in the right place.
- ❑ With the freezing temperatures we've been experiencing (yes, the DFW area has had its 48-hour winter), the DX is sure to be HOT!! Hope you're reaping the benefits. Deadline: always Thursdays ... CUN7. GoodDX to all, and to all a good night, hi.

REPORTERS

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| RA-CA1 | Rene Auvray | Henderson, NV DXING from Baker, CA '03 Taurus Car Radio |
| RA-CA2 | Rene Auvray | Henderson, NV DXING from Hesperia, CA '03 Taurus Car Radio |
| RA-CA3 | Rene Auvray | Henderson, NV DXING from San Pedro, CA Jensen receiver in '97 Ford |
| RA-NV | Rene Auvray | Henderson '03 Ford Taurus caradio |
| SA-MB | Shawn M. Axelrod | Winnipeg Icom ICR-70 / Drake R8 / Icom R-7000 + 4 Foot unamplified box loop / Quantum Loop; 145' outdoor wire; 100' indoor wire / discone / MFJ 1026 <Saxelrod@mb.sympatico.ca> |
| GB - FL | Gerry Bishop | (Niceville) motoring in Pensacola with Delco in-dash <gerryb4991@cox.net> |
| RD-NE | Rick Dau | Omaha Sony ICF-2010 + Quantum Loop antenna <rdau1965@yahoo.com> |
| GJ-CA | Gary Jackson | Sacramento FRG-8800 + Kiwa Loop |
| CR-IL | Christos Rigas | Wood Dale Drake R8, Quantum QX Pro <crigas@birinc.com> |
| JJR-WI | John J. Rieger | South Milwaukee Icom IC-R75, Kiwa loop, MFJ959B tuner-preamp - or GE SR III, Terk AM1000 loop (GY logs recorded for later listening) <johnjrieger@webtv.net> |
| JTR-OK | John Reed | Shawnee W-J DMS-105R tunable demodulator, modified KIWA MW loop <jreed@alum.mit.edu> |
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| TT-IL | Tim Tomljanovich | Byron Yaesu FT990, K9AY directional loops <k9sb@msn.com> |
| JV-KY | John Vervoort | Murray Yacht Boy 400PE |
| JW-CO | John Wilkins | Wheat Ridge Drake R-8, 4-foot box loop, Quantum Phaser <peakbagger3@juno.com> |
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STATION NEWS & NOTES

- 910 KLCN AR Blytheville - 1/21 0659 - Poor, but alone, with *Classic Country 910 AM KLCN Blytheville* into old C&W. **Format change from AP News.** (JJR-WI)
- 1200 WVIV IL Chicago - 1/21 0818 - Good signal, with Mexican music. Several slogans of *Viva*. Ex: WLXX. **New call sign. NEW!** (SA-MB)
- 1640 KDIA CA Vallejo - 1/18 - With basketball game at 2400 and music at 0810. Have they changed formats? (GJ-CA) Another report reveals . . .
- 1640 KDIA CA Vallejo - 1/18 -ID at 0730 as: *The Light at the top of the dial* with Christian music. **They appear to have changed format.** (GJ-CA)

UNIDs and UNID HELP

- 650 UNID ?? - 1/6 2130-2135 - SS-speaking station for two minutes, then an EE-speaking station. Had some KFI QRM. Did not sound like KMTI. Gave up. Any clues? (RA-CA2) [Possibly an XE? - Ed.]
- 850 UNID ?? - 1/15 1030 - C&W station, mentioning playback. [?? - Ed.] *Riverside and Inland Empire* heard. QRM from KOA + others. New station?? (RA-CA3) [Pretty certain this is KACD Thousand Oaks, CA, since you were literally in their back yard at the time - Ed.]
- 1170 UNID ?? - 1/6 2003-2006 - SS-speaking station on top of KCBQ. Heard *Numero Uno En Mexico*. Where from? (RA-CA1) [There are several possibilities considering your location - Ed.]

TIS & OTHER STUFF

- 1320 WPTJ868 WI Milwaukee - 1/18 0723 - Poor, but screwing up 1320 here. Reactivated TIS at Mitchell International Airport with a four-minute loop. (JJR-WI)
- 1640 WPLW619 FL Pensacola/Milton - 1/24 1030 - This call in use on 1640, 1650, and 1690 for I-10/110 destruction plan on 1/24. No sign of previous WPVZ483 on 1690, noted 12/23. Highway signs point only to 1690, and message refers drivers to www.i10-i110.com for information. And I bet we do have fully wireless internet before this little "highway improvement" is completed in 2006, and can check from our cars. But until then, it's not much use. (GB - FLP)



REGULAR DX LOGGINGS (times in ELT)

- 560 WHBQ TN Memphis - 1/11 1359 - With ad for *Rebel* in Memphis, the an ID at 1400: *Sports Fifty-six, WHBQ Memphis, a Glenn Broadcasting Company.* (JV-KY)
- 580 WIBW KS Topeka - 1/17 0705 - Fair, with weather (snow), and beef prices chatter. Never in this well! (JJR-WI)
- 590 WVVL KY Lexington - 1/12 1149 - *Eleven forty-nine, News Talk Fifty-nine.* WVVL, then weather. (JV-KY)
- 590 WJMS MI Ironwood - 1/17 0736 - Poor, with calls, then into long list of lost dogs/cats. Rare! (JJR-WI)
- 600 KCOL CO Wellington - 1/6 1849-1856 - Call ID, with lots of interference. Dr. Laura talk show. (RA-NV)
- 630 KPTT NV Reno - 1/18 2300 - Carrying Los Angeles Lakers vs Houston Rockets NBA game. Good signal, with little fading. (GJ-CA)
- 670 WSCR IL Chicago - 1/23 0220 - With Fox Sports Radio and the *Jim Daniels Show*. ID in a real deep voice, *WSCR, Sports Radio*. Over/under KLTT. (KR-AZ)
- 690 WTIK LA New Orleans - 12/25 2218 - Fair, with ad for local cigar shop, then ID: *You're listening to Tulane football on WTIK, New Orleans, The Mighty 690*, then back to the game. (RD-NE)
- 690 CBU BC Vancouver - 1/17 0300 - Weak, under XETRA, with CBC News. News with woman announcer, then into classical/easy music. My third Canadian heard this year. (KR-AZ)
- 710 WTPR TN Paris - 1/18 0746 - Poor, with *Oldies 101.5 and 710 WTPR* into ads in fade up. (JJR-WI)
- 710 WNFR VA Blacksburg - 1/18 0743 - Poor, with Sporting News Radio, ads, and calls. Looking for needed KXMR, which also carries SNR. (JJR-WI)
- 760 KCCV KS Overland Park - 1/16 1815 - Fair, and mixing with WJR. KCCV ID followed by religious talk. (CR-IL)
- 760 WCIS NC Morgantown - 1/17 0730 - Poor, with very detailed sign-on (no SSB) and into a REL program. *Power House 76* is NEW! (JJR-WI)

- 770 CHQR AB Calgary - 1/18 1841 - Local spot, then program note . . . *on CHQR AM 770 Calgary*, then back to talk program on the subject of acupuncture. Quite a novelty hearing a full ID from a Canadian station, and it wasn't even ToH! (JW-CO)
- 780 WBBM IL Chicago - 1/17 0310 - ID and time check, then PSA to contribute to people who can't afford heat in the winter. Rare. (KR-AZ)
- 790 KGHL MT Billings - 1/22 0209 - Fair, with *Rocky Mountain High* by John Denver, ID as *75th anniversary KGHL*. (TT-IL)
- 890 KTLR OK Oklahoma City - 1/17 1005 - USA Network national news, then ID as *KTLR and You're listening to Daybreak USA on KTLR, Oklahoma City*. Under KDXU and new. #706. (KR-AZ) [Nine AM local is a bit late for someone to be carrying a program called "Daybreak", hi - Ed.]
- 910 WSUI IA Iowa City-Cedar Rapids - 1/18 0700 - Poor, with legal ID and NPR fare. Alone. (JJR-WI)
- 940 CJGX SK Yorkton - 1/22 0156 - Good, with music. IDs: *GX 94 and CJGX AM Stereo Yorkton* into local news. (TT-IL)
- 1080 KVNI ID Couer d'Alene - 1/18 1905 - Local spots (Couer d'Alene and St. Maries), and call ID. Fair, in phase null of KRLD. Semi-rare here. (JW-CO)
- 1100 KNZZ CO Grand Junction - 1/6 1903-1906 - AP Network News, then Grand Junction temperature. *Masters of Puppets* by Metallica intro for Michael Savage. Fading in and out. (RA-NV)
- 1160 WKCM KY Hawesville - 1/18 0723 - Poor, with three Owensboro ads and *Western Kentucky Weather*. On top of frequency! (JJR-WI)
- 1160 WAMB TN Donelson - 1/19 0804 - Ovaltine ad, then *Hi, I'm Frank ?? and I want to thank you for listening to my music here on WAMB, great American music*, weather for Nashville area, then Gospel announcements and a couple of GOS songs. Probably just a Sunday morning program, rather than a format change from NOS. Fair, in phase null of powerhouse KSL. Strange to hear WAMB alone on frequency! (JW-CO)
- 1270 KNWC SD Sioux Falls - 12/28 1659 - Weak, but readable, with local weather, then taped legal ID by male: *This is KNWC, serving Sioux Falls, South Dakota, radio for the growing Christian, a ministry of Northwestern College Radio*. I don't know what KNWC's day pattern is like, but it can't be sending too much down this way. (RD-NE)
- 1280 WODT LA New Orleans - 1/19 0700 - Cajun music with Louisiana announcements. Fading over/under SS signals. (JTR-OK)
- 1340 KTFX OK Sand Springs - 1/20 1400 - UC gospel talk and music with call ID. Heard in loop null of KEBC. New here. (JTR-OK)
- 1350 WLOU KY Louisville - 1/15 2135 - UC gospel music, call ID. Weak and fading. New here. (JTR-OK)
- 1390 WMER MS Meridian - 1/16 2021 - *It's music for the entire family to enjoy, Solid Gospel Thirteen-ninety, WMER Meridian*. Not bad for 101 Watts! (JV-KY)
- 1430 WXNT IN Indianapolis - 1/16 2025 - . . . *on your home for high school sports, News Talk Fourteen-thirty WXNT*. Then mention of Southern Indiana. (JV-KY)
- 1430 KCOH TX Houston - 1/19 0700 - Call ID with UC talk. Weak in loop null of KGFF splatter. New here. (JTR-OK)
- 1490 KBUR IA Burlington - 1/19 2118 - Fair, in fade-up, with lively jock (not off bird) with calls, and Stevie Wonder's Superstition. (JJR-WI)
- 1490 KZZN TX Littlefield - 1/11 2048 - Program note for ??, Monday-Friday, . . . *brought to you by World Supermarket . . . KZZN . . . report for Littlefield and Lamb County . . .*, heard call ID twice more before fading. Poor, in phase null of KCFC. New one, for Texas #164. (JW-CO)
- 1490 KUGR WY Green River - 1/12 0917 - Fair-to-poor in KCFC phase null, with sports, bank ad, weather, program note, call IDs. (JW-CO)

Ye Olde 1550 kHz Challenge

- 1550 KUAZ AZ Tucson - 1/21 0930 - Sign-on message, then into NPR News. (MDW-NM)
- 1550 KADZ CO Denver - 1/21 0917 - *Radio Disney* on day power dominant. AM 1550 / AM 1690" slogan given. (MDW-NM)
- 1550 WPFC LA Baton Rouge - 1/18 1920 - Call ID, public service announcements. (JTR-OK)
- 1550 KSFT MO St. Joseph - 1/23 0110-0200 - Good, very rapid fading. *1550 Oldies Station* and

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Good Times Oldies 1550, and local weather. Had to wait for top of the hour for legal ID. (TT-IL)

1550	KKJY	NM	Albuquerque - 1/21 1400 - Playing Sandi Patti version of <i>Star Spangled Banner</i> , then announcement that they play the national anthem every day at noon. (MDW-NM)
1550	KZRKt	TX	Canyon - 1/22 2300 - Tentative, with Fox Sports Radio. No ID heard at ToH. Fox Sports lists 2-1550s; this one seems most likely. (MDW-NM)
1550	WTUX	WI	Madison - 1/19 1242 - Good, semi-local, with ID: <i>AM 1550 WTUX Madison</i> . (TT-IL)
1550	CBE	ON	Windsor - 1/23 0102 - Poor, with news, CBC-1 network. (TT-IL) End of Survivor, er, ah... The Challenge
1580	KHGG	AR	Van Buren - 1/21 2120 - Weak and fading, with Van Buren vs Southside basketball game with . New here. (JTR-OK)
1590	KELP	TX	El Paso - 1/16 2100 - Religious talk, fading over/under KDAV. New here. (JTR-OK)
1590	KDAV	TX	Lubbock - 1/16 2050 - Oldies with call ID, fading over/under KELP. New here. (JTR-OK)
1690	WPTX	MD	Lexington Park - 1/20 2100 - Weak, fading with call ID and news. Heard in loop null of KDDZ. (JTR-OK)

GRAVEYARD DX UPDATE

None this week, but remember all the GY DX records are on line at: www.angelfire.com/tx2/phantom2/index.html

DDXD-East

Another big WOW this week for the Frequency Challenge on 1600 kHz! Reporters heard 33 stations in 20 states! Upcoming challenges and dates are: **1280 kHz** – January 29 – February 4; **910 kHz** – February 5 - 11; **"K" stations** – February 12-18; **630 kHz** – February 12 – 25; **1480 kHz** – February 26 – March 19; **960 kHz** – March 20 – April 1; and **1370 kHz** – April 2 – April 15.

Brent Taylor (BT-NB) writes: "With all the talk on the Internet about the great daytime DX I decided to listen on a rare mid-week day off from teaching. With my wife off to work and my son at his school, I was able to turn off every appliance, computer and other possible source of RF. I then fired up my recently refurbished FRG-7700 and connected it to my HF ham antennas through the FRA-7700 active antenna. I was able to copy all of the NE US and Eastern Canada on 1/21, with signals from six provinces and seven or eight states audible in the few hours either side of high noon. Can't wait to get some "real" antennas back up. In my first phase of MW DXing, I was strictly ferrite-limited. I'm planning to erect either Kaz, EWE, K9AY or pennant antennas in the yard this summer."

REPORTERS

RB-NC	Ronald Bailey, Shelby – Drake R8A, 7 Beverages, Sloper, DL-2.
MKB-ON	Mike Brooker, Toronto – Panasonic RF-2200; RFB-45.
SC-IN	Steve Chappell, McCordsville - Bearcat DX-1000; 3 terminated loops.
BC-NH	Bruce Conti, Nashua - R8B, MWDX-5, 50/75/50-ft east/west Double-Ewe antenna.
PC-VA	Perry Crabill, Winchester – Drake R8, Kiwa Loop, 100' wire.
RJE-PA	Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell - Hammarlund HQ-150 w/ 4' amplified air core loop.
RJE*PA	Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell - Car radio & whip.
JF-ON	Jeff Falconer, Clinton - AOR AR7030+, pair of 130' EWE antennas, MFJ-1026 phase box, etc.
CH-FL	Carl Hattan, Melbourne - Heathkit SW-7800 with Digital Signal Processor and R/S loop.
HJH-PA	Harry Hayes, Wilkes-Barre - HQ-180, Kiwa Pocket Loop, Superadio II.
DH-NJ	Dave Hochfelder, New Brunswick - Sony ICF-2010 with Quantum QX Pro.
RJ-NC	Russ Johnson, Lexington - Sony 2010, Intermatic Timer, Long Wire fed to RS Loop.
DL-MD	Dave Larrabee, Columbia - Icom 8500 on random wire or loop.
DL*MD	Dave Larrabee, Columbia - TenTec RX340 on a long wire operating unattended gathering 4-minute audio samples at the top of the hour.
WM-MD	William McGuire, Cheverly – DX-398.
BDM-ON	Barry McLarnon, Ottawa - NRD-525, 1 m air-core loop, 40 m inverted-vee, MFJ-1026.
HN-GA	Herbert Newberry, Newborn – Kenwood R-5000, Quantum Loop, monster longwire.
JR-NY	Jim Renfrew, Byron - Drake R8, 1000' E/W beverage.
RR-NC	Rick Robinson, Hendersonville – Sony 7600GR, Radio Shack loop and Radio Plus Q-Stick, National NC-183D and 500' E-W long wire.

AR-ON	Andy Rugg, Cornwall - Drake SPR-4, random wire.
BT-NB	Brent Taylor, Doaktown - Yaesu FRG-7700, modified FRA-7700 active antenna, G5RV Sloper.
PEW-SC	Powell E. Way, Columbia - Hammarlund HQ-180A.

FREQUENCY CHALLENGE – 1600 kHz

1600	WKEN	DE	Dover - 1/15 1220 - Gospel music weak but steady under WWRL and WHOL. Often heard mixing with WHOL before WWRL's increase. (RJE*PA)
	WQOP	FL	Atlantic Beach - 1/15 1559 - "This is a faith based ministry and an important ministry. Queen Of Peace Radio is not commercial and..." (RJ-NC)
	WKWF	FL	Key West - 1/21 2106 - "Sports Radio 16, WKWF" Heard here several nights before getting a good ID. (RR-NC)
	WOKD	FL	Winter Garden - 1/18 2114 - Teenage religious program on prophet Elijah "call us at WOKD for prayer". (RR-NC)
	WAOS	GA	Austell - 1/15 1459 - "This is WAOS-Austell." (RJ-NC)
	WCGO	IL	Chicago Heights - 1/16 0100 - Very weak: "1600 AM WCGO Chicago Heights." (SC-IN)
1600	K C / A M		
	WCGO		+ 1/16 0733 - "Unforgettable music plus all the information you need... we're 1600 AM, WCGO", into Brubeck tune "Take Five", good, nearly alone in sunrise enhancement to the west. (BDM-ON)
	WTAS		+ 1/16 1826 - ID as "...right here on WCGO", PSA for Big Brothers/Big Sisters noted under almost un-nullable WAAM/WWRL one-two punch. (MKB-ON)
102.3	MCS / FM		
			+ 1/18 1953 - alone on west wire with NOS music, ID "thank you for listening to 'Unforgettable 1600', WCGO", back to NOS. (JF-ON)
	WMCW	IL	Harvard - 1/16 0706 - Very weak: "From ? to ?, we've got you covered on AM 1600 WMCW." (SC-IN)
	KCRG	IA	Cedar Rapids - 1/20 2147 - Very weak: "Sports Radio 1600 KCRG." (SC-IN)
	KLEB	LA	Golden Meadow - 1/22 1949 - Fair: "For the best variety of Cajun Music, lock your radio on the <i>Rajun' Cajun</i> 1600 AM KLEB." (SC-IN)
	WKDM	MD	Rockville - 1/16 1600 - "AM sixteen hundred kilohertz, ... WKDM Rockville, Washington DC" EE ID on the hour in Oriental language programming. (DL*MD)
			+ 1/19 1659 - "Onward Christian Soldiers", sung in unknown language, interrupted by odd multi-lingual ID by accented announcer, which included "WKDM, Rockville-Washington", along with other words I couldn't decipher, then into news 30 seconds after TOH, again in unknown language. Good, well over WWRL and others. New. (BDM-ON)
	WUNR	MA	Brookline - 1/16 0100 - Just caught the "WUNR Brookline" ID in pre-TOH jumble. Likely them at other times with, among other things, FF talk. Not the pest they once were here. (BDM-ON)
			+ 1/17 0800 - Excellent; "Radio Internacional, mil seiscientos AM" with telephone talk in Spanish and an Hispanic pop music mix. (BC-NH)
			+ 1/20 2131 - Presumed with French language program heard several nights through WTZQ. (RR-NC)
	WHNP	MA	East Longmeadow - 1/19 1600 - Triple ID for WHMQ/WHMP/WHNP (the latter as "WHNP East Longmeadow - Springfield"), then "the Pioneer Valley's Newsradio, WHMP", into CBS news, good, slightly over WWRL and others. (BDM-ON)
			+ 1/19 1630 - Fair; money talk, "The Pioneer Valley's Newsradio, WHMP. News and talk, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week," then at 1645 sign-off announcement, "WHNP AM 1600 in East Longmeadow will be leaving the airwaves now," and mention of 1240, mostly under WUNR. (BC-NH)
	WAAM	MI	Ann Arbor - 1/15 1707 - the #2 pest on 1600 over my #1 pest (WWRL) with local traffic report, ID at end of weather: "it's mostly cloudy and 20 degrees at WAAM". (MKB-ON)
			+ 1/15 2006 - rose above the jumble with news, weather and ID. (AR-ON)
			+ 1/16 0000 - "Radio 16, WAAM Ann Arbor - Ypsilanti", into CNN news. Frequently heard, with talk and "Your Information Station" slogans. (BDM-ON)
			+ 1/18 0700 - Weak: "From your Information Station, I'm Laurie ? in the WAAM

- Newsroom." (SC-IN)
- + 1/18 0828 - fair with NOS music, weather sponsored by "Big Daddy's Car Wash". Daytime regular here. (JF-ON)
- KWOM MN Watertown** - 1/17 1900 - "KWOM Watertown" ID, poor in mess. Very likely them later in the evening with UMN-Mankato Mavericks Hockey. (BDM-ON)
- KATZ MO Saint Louis** - 1/18 0600 - Very weak: "Gospel 1600 plays the best variety of Gospel Music" and "Gospel 1600 KATZ." (SC-IN)
- + 1/18 0830 - faded up over WAAM on west wire with end of REL program with ID "we're number one, KATZ, 'Gospel 1600', all gospel all the time" into another REL program. (JF-ON)
- WEHH NY Elmira Heights** - 1/15 1935 - Public safety announcement, ID, local ad into "God Bless the USA". New on this frequency. Noted most evenings after sunset and mornings before. I'm guessing app for night ops is on. (RJE-PA)
- + 1/16 0600 - "AM 1600 WEHH, Elmira Heights - Horseheads", then back to music (Buddy Knox, "Party Doll"), over WWRL and others. (BDM-ON)
- + 1/16 2005 - Asked for listeners to please write in and gave address, "on Elmira's WEHH". Hearable just after sunset and just before sunrise on the 16th / 17th. (DL*MD)
- + 1/18 0823 - surprisingly over WWRL with *Dream Lover* by Bobby Darin, slogan "this is one incredible radio station, Elmira's WEHH", then faded into muck. (MKB-ON)
- + 1/18 1946 - faded up briefly with NOS music and quick ID "Elmira's WEHH". Only 2nd time heard. Believe this is now U4 5000/170. (JF-ON)
- WWRL NY New York** - 1/15 1215 - With local pseudo-medical call-in show, with frequent mentions of calls. Since power increase and pattern change, has become a major pest. (RJE*PA)
- + 1/16 1745 - Good; promo, "...right here at New York's Urban Mix, WWRL," R&B and soca music, broadcasting live from Barbados. (BC-NH)
- + 1/16 1900 - "New York's Urban Mix, WWRL." Copied this station all night at the top of each hour. (DL*MD)
- + 1/18 0958 - good on east wire most of the day ID "Welcome to 1600, WWRL, you've got good taste" into a promo for the "Martin Luther King Address" being given in New York on Monday by Rev. Al Sharpton. (JF-ON)
- + 1/20 0707 - Weak: "That's up to the minute sports, news, and weather at 1600 WWRL." (SC-IN)
- WMCR NY Oneida** - 1/16 0730 - "This is WMCR-FM 106.3 and WMCR-AM at 1600, Oneida, New York" jingle, "WMCR news time is 7:30", into local weather. (BDM-ON)
- WIDU NC Fayetteville** - 1/17 2208 - local talk show. Fayetteville area phone numbers (488-1874) and mentions of different Cumberland county agencies and events. Mention of AM 1600 and WRAB (?). Also not on rated night power either!! (PEW-SC)
- + 1/18 2338 - Gospel music with CNN news on the hour. Fair signal with voice ID of "WIDU" clearly heard. (CH-FL)
- WTZQ NC Hendersonville** - 1/17 2156 - Standards with ID at TOH over top at times. Certainly NOT listed 12 watts! (PEW-SC)
- + 1/20 2101 - Oldies format. "WTZQ 1600 Hendersonville." Local station heard day and night. They are possibly running more than their legal 12 watts some nights. On 1/19 - 1/21 they were barely audible 6 miles west of Hendersonville. Other nights the signal was as strong as daytime. (RR-NC)
- + 1/22 0500 - Very weak: "Your classic ? station, 1600 WTZQ Hendersonville/ Flatrock." (SC-IN)
- WBLY OH Springfield** - 1/15 1702 - ESPN and "Sportsradio 16 WBLY". Heard again 1/18 1705. (RJE-PA)
- WTTF OH Tiffin** - 1/19 0931 - poor with WKKX with AC music, spots for ? Electric on Washington Street in Tiffin and Decker Furniture and Carpets in downtown Tiffin. New! Thought I had this one logged back in the '70s, but couldn't find it in my log! (JF-ON)
- WHOL PA Allentown** - 1/15 1215 - Also with a pseudo-medical call-in show with ID 1215. Local, my other daytime pest. (RJE*PA)



- + 1/17 1654 - Presumed, with religious talk show, local ads and PSAs (e.g., Bloch Business Machines in Allentown, Salvation Army in Pottsville), briefly on top and then faded under WWRL. (BDM-ON)
 - WHJB PA Bedford** - 1/15 1714 - Pop standards, ID; moderate signal mixing with others. Very inconsistent night to night. (RJE-PA)
 - + 1/19 1000 - over another gospel station (likely WWRL) with "AM 1600 WHJB Bedford" ID into *Wonderful Words of Light* gospel program. (MKB-ON)
 - + 1/19 1630 - Standards, though I couldn't name the tunes, and nice clear WHJB ID amidst a jumble of stations. (BDM-ON)
 - + 1/19 1700 - Fair; Sheena Easton's "Morning Train," then "Great songs... information... WHJB Pittsburgh," or at least it sure sounded like Pittsburgh. To add to the confusion, I went to investigate on the Internet and found "Pittsburgh's favorite music on 620 WHJB." Bedford seems too far away to serve Pittsburgh. (BC-NH)
 - + 1/20 1838 - strong at times with NOS music, weather report, ID "great songs and great memories here on AM 1600, WHJB" into "A Rainy Night in Georgia". (JF-ON)
 - WPDC PA Elizabethtown** - 1/15 1732 - Spanish music and talk, local ad for business in Lebanon PA. Very few ads. Surprisingly strong several evenings, totally absent others - probably the result of not throwing the switch some nights. (RJE-PA)
 - WJSA PA Jersey Shore** - 1/16 1658 - Poor; call sign and Jersey Shore mentions into local weather, then something about worldwide church, heard through WUNR. (BC-NH)
 - + 1/21 1635 - Faded up out of the mess with an ad for Phil's (?) Appliance Center ("next to Harder's") in Williamsport, then into "Stories of Great Christians" from the Moody Bible Institute. New. (BDM-ON)
 - WFIS SC Fountain Inn** - 1/21 0736 - Very weak: "1600 AM WFIS." (SC-IN)
 - KRVA TX Cockrell Hill** - 1/19 0301 - Fair with female SS: "KRVA Cockrell Hill Radio *Romantica*." (SC-IN)
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SPANISH MEDIA
- WCPK VA Chesapeake** - 1/16 0630 - "WCPK, Gospel for the Hampton Roads" and into a Gospel/rock version of "This Little Light". (RJE*PA)
 - WXMY VA Saltville** - 1/15 1710 - Presumed with C&W steadily under the mix. Really no one else likely at this time with C&W. (RJE-PA)
 - + 1/17 0813 - under partially nulled WWRL with C&W oldies, slogan "the music America grew up with, 1600 AM WXMY". (MKB-ON)
 - + 1/19 1520 - poor under WWRL with weather report. (JF-ON)
 - + 1/21 1732 - More dashboard DX, this time on the way home. C&W music occasionally surfacing over dominant WEHH, then "WXMY" heard a little after BOH, possibly with s/off. (BDM-ON)
 - WZZW WV Milton** - 1/17 0659 - "WTCR-???" and "WZZW-Milton." (RJ-NC)
 - + 1/20 0825 - This was "dashboard DX", heard about 5 minutes from home on the way to work. Inspirational music, then announcer with "we are Joy Radio, at 304-..." I wasn't in a position to make notes, so I missed the rest. On top for a minute or two, then overtaken by WKKX and WWRL. (BDM-ON)
 - WKKX WV Wheeling** - 1/15 1459 - "ESPN Radio 1600, WKKX Wheeling." (RJ-NC)
 - + 1/18 0857 - "This is ESPN Radio AM 1600 WKKX." (SC-IN)
 - + 1/18 0800 - "The Ohio Valley's sports authority, ESPN radio 1600, WKKX Wheeling", into ESPN Sports Center, over UNID SS and others. (BDM-ON)
 - + 1/18 1000 - poor under WWRL with ID "Ohio Valley's Sports Leader, 'ESPN 1600', WKKX, Wheeling", into NBA scores. (JF-ON)
 - + 1/19 1027 - presumed with ESPN sports talk, slogan "The Ohio Valley's leader in sports, the all new ESPN radio 1600", in fading daytime jumble. (MKB-ON)
 - WRPN WI Ripon** - 1/18 0400 - Extremely weak "WRPN" then covered by UNID station. (SC-IN)

STATION NEWS

- WCNN GA N. Atlanta** - 1/6 1330 - has added non-sports talk - Bill O'Reilly - to its

1370 WXXI NY Rochester - according to advance announcements, plans to run BBC overnight beginning in February. (JR-NY)

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1010 WMOXp MS Meridian - 1/10 1805 - "Southeastern sports talk" with references to central time zone. Sports items from MS, AL, GA with emphasis on MS. New. (HN-GA)

1110 WBCAp AL Bay Minette - 1/13 0145 - on after hours over and under WBT with AOR format. No calls given but a "Gulf Coast weather" segment and SW loop orientation indicates WBCA. (HN-GA)

1700 KTBKp TX Sherman - 1/18 1800 - In dead air just before the WEUV ID. "Sports thirteen ten..." tentative ID based on NRC Radio Log entry. (DL*MD)

STATION LOGGINGS

580 CKWW ON Windsor - 1/17 1605 - Extremely weak signal under WCHS: "This is AM 580 CKWW, the best hits of all time" then song "Walk Right In". First positive ID from this location. (SC-IN)

600 WSNL MI Flint - 1/13 2317 - ID and religious music, poor in mess that included WICC and WMT. "Your news and information station", new with these calls. (JR-NY)

KSJB ND Jamestown - 1/20 0600 - "KSJB Jamestown" heard just after TOH, poor under dominant CKAT. New. (BDM-ON)

640 WGST GA Atlanta - 1/12 1630 - poor in mess with traffic info from "News Radio 640, WGST". (JF-ON)

+ 1/15-1740 - Local talk and Atlanta traffic report over everything... Time check "5:42 at the Dorky 640." (PEW-SC)

WHLO OH Akron - 1/17 0750 - woman with news then "on news-talk 640, WHLO." On top of WGST, surprisingly strong for first time heard here! (RB-NC)

WWJZ NJ Mount Holly - 1/18 0719 - Radio Disney programming then man with ad for business in nearby Burlington (NJ) Center Mall. Appeared to power up at 0712. New. (RB-NC)

670 WSCR IL Chicago - 1/17 1355 - Local Chicago commercial for JDS (a mortgage company) and back to local sports talk. (PEW-SC)

690 WJOX AL Birmingham - 1/15 1753 - Sports editorial and WJOX promo with imbedded ID 40 over till 1800 and poooof! All gone! (PEW-SC)

700 KSEV TX Tomball - 1/12 0830 - with WLW totally nulled, KSEV with armchair signal. Promo for gardening call-in show on "700 KSEV, The Voice." Into "The Lutheran Hour." New. (HN-GA)

710 WUFF GA Eastman - 1/9 2005 - strong with GOS music, ID "Stay tuned to clear channel 'Big Woof Radio' for more of the best gospel music". Forgot to shut AM off at LSS. (JF-ON)

720 WGCR NC Pisgah Forest - 1/23 2335 - good; dominant at times over WGN and way over CHTN. On emergency facilities because of severe cold weather; giving shelter announcements and offers of rides for people to get to shelters. New. (DH-NJ)

740 CHWO ON Toronto - 1/8 0000 - Monitored for special QSL on their second anniversary on 740. Armchair quality on loop with others nulled. "All Night Jukebox on AM-740." Report and tape sent to Brian Smith. Nighttime regular here with CIBC-860. (HN-GA)

760 WCHP NY Champlain - 1/21 0858 - Well after sunrise with end of religious program, some phone numbers and then the announcer saying "make sure you mention WCHP when you call." Station was in all day here, with many mentions of Montreal bookstores, phone numbers, etc. Checked back at 1523 to hear FF religious programming and talk. New. (BT-NB)

810 WNSI AL Jacksonville - 1/6 1507 - "Mike Malloy talk show on WNSI." A rarity - a liberal hosting a liberal show!). New. (HN-GA)

820 WOSU OH Columbus - 1/5 1755 - w/"World of Wheels" promo. "Columbus Public Radio". Continuation of Buckeyes coverage. Very strong. (HJH-PA)



CHAM ON Hamilton - 1/16 0435 - W/ ID "Ontario's best country for over 20 years, this is 820 CHAM." (BT-NB)

860 WDMG GA Douglas - 1/13 1028 - in WAEC null, heard 'ESPN radio 860, WDMG, The Game.' New. (HN-GA)

910 WFVR GA Valdosta - 1/11 0445 - alone with I-75 traffic info, ad for hotel in Lake City. (JF-ON)

KVIS OK Miami - 1/15 1930 - alone with GOS music, ID "it's 40 degrees at 6:47 on KVIS". (JF-ON)

+ 1/17 2250 - Country Gospel music program, calls. (JR-NY)

920 WHJJ RI Providence - 12/22 1700 - Break in Westwood I Sports programming. Slogan: "New England's Number 1 Choice for News and Talk, WHJJ, Talkradio 920." Fair with others. (HJH-PA)

CJCH NS Halifax - 12/22 1705 - Weather report, jingle then Christmas Music. Weak thru WHJJ. (HJH-PA)

WYMB SC Manning - 1/5 2257 - Frequent "Wheels 101.5" IDs (not 92.5 as in NRC AM Log). C & W music. Good signal on loop with WAFS nulled. New. (HN-GA)

940 WMIX IL Mount Vernon - 1/5 1837 - Fair w/a weak signal from Montreal station. Slogan: "Your station for the 40's, 50's and 60's." ID. (HJH-PA)

CJGX SK Yorkton - 1/13 1858 - fair with C&W music, local obituaries, ID "we are CJGX 940, Yorkton, 'GX-94' AM stereo", weather report. Not usually heard this time of day. (JF-ON)

950 WWJK SC Monks Corner - 1/6 1600 - Weather report for beaches, TOH ID "WWJK" into news. Using new parameters 10000/6000, U4. Talk format. New. (HN-GA)

960 WERC AL Birmingham - 1/9 1913 - poor with local ad into talk about Alabama State football. (JF-ON)

KMA IA Shenandoah - 1/13 1907 - fair with Iowa farm news and market info, report on Iowa Pork Congress Meeting. (JF-ON)

970 WDAY ND Fargo - 1/9 1908 - poor in mess with ID "WDAY, your news station", ND State news. (JF-ON)

980 WKLY GA Hartwell - 1/13 1046 - with WPGA nulled. Heard "Swap Shop on WKLY." Local ads, many IDs and promos for community activities. On loop, signal marginal, lots of waver. (HN-GA)

1030 WEBS GA Calhoun - 1/9 1846 - weak but alone with oldies music, ID at top of hour "your home for good times and great oldies, WEBS, Calhoun", CNN News. Obviously not 3 watts. New! (JF-ON)

1040 WPBS GA Conyers - 1/13 1745 - Mixing with WWVA, man with sign off after gospel music, WPBS Conyers, Georgia ending another broadcast day." Confirms move from 1050. (RB-NC)

CJMS QC Saint-Constant - 1/21 1538 - Talk in FF about snowmobiles ("les moto-neiges"), then into male ID "CJMS", and C&W song by Charlie Major. (BT-NB)

1080 WUFO NY Amherst - 12/23 0830 - Very strong and alone. Ad for Malchuski's Chicken Shop and Sean Dunn Sportswear. Promo for "From The Father's Heart" program on WUFO". (HJH-PA)

WWNL PA Pittsburgh - 1/6 1641 - "WWNL - we're new life radio." Religious format. New. (HN-GA)

1090 WFCV IN Fort Wayne - 1/11 1019 - Religious talk, ad for Hudson Investment Realty at 260-744-9200, then back to program called "Think on These Things", ID at 1030, weak but all alone on the channel. Good daytime DX (552 miles) for only 970 Watts! New. (BDM-ON)

1120 WSMO NC Camp Lejeune - 1/19 0810 - two men in conversation, then "WSMO Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, the home of American music." Confirms move here from 1580. (RB-NC)

1130 KWKH LA Shreveport - 1/6 0021 - interference from het in past DX sessions gone, now with the clear armchair signal a 50KW should have. Fox sports talk, "The Fan" slogan. New. (HN-GA)



- + 1/19 0628 - Behind dominant WBBR-NY with Amber Alert report and news of Louisiana events. On day pattern per DX tip from Powell. (PC-VA)
- 1140 WCJW NY **Warsaw** - 12/24 0758 - Strong over weak WRVA w/Christmas forecast of 7 to 11 inches of snow. Ad for McDonald's. (HJH-PA)
- 1150 WJBO LA **Baton Rouge** - 1/6 1707 - news, local promo with "WJBO", into local sports. New. (HN-GA)
- 1180 WZQZ GA **Trion** - 1/16 2100 - Daytimer on after hours with Oldies program "The Music of Your Life". Heard for several nights under WHAM-NY until finally ID'd as "WZQZ, Trion-Summerville" at TOH, followed by USA Radio Network News. (PC-VA)
- 1230 WHIR KY **Danville** - 1/19 0000 - only heard ID in mess "news, talk, sports, WHIR". (JF-ON)
- 1240 WDFL FL **Cross City** - 1/15 0259 - "We're your hometown station, WDFL / WDJY-FM." Then ABC news. (RJ-NC)
- 1280 WNAM WI **Neenah-Menasha** - 1/18 1824 - poor with NOS music, call ID, weather report. (JF-ON)
- 1290 WFBG PA **Altoona** - 1/18 1858 - poor under local CJBK with NOS music, ID at top of hour, and into Pittsburgh Penguins hockey. (JF-ON)
- 1350 WEZS NH **Laconia** - 1/15 1842 - over WTOU and/or WOYK's ESPN sports with EZL (including some downright sappy elevator music such as an instrumental version of the Stones' *As Tears Go By*), slogan "we're the one station that's always easy to listen to, WEZS, Easy 1350 AM". (MKB-ON)
- 1370 WWLG MD **Pikesville** - 1/17 0729 - Man with ad for hearing aids then woman with traffic report and "WLG, music of your life." New. (RB-NC)
- WCCN WI **Neillsville** - 1/20 0858 - over WSPD with local sports report containing several references to the Brewers, Packers, and U of W Badgers, 0900 top of hour ID by woman: "1370 AM WCCN Neillsville" into ABC news. (MKB-ON)
- 1380 WNRI RI **Woonsocket** - 1/15 2400 - "WNRI" sung ID in the clear following an auto insurance commercial. Faded into co-channel. (DL*MD)
- 1400 WLTA GA **Alpharetta** - 1/13 1200 - Full ID at TOH: "970 WNIV, 1400 WLTA, Alpharetta." WLTA only given at TOH, "970 WNIV" otherwise. Good signal, clearer on loop. New. (HN-GA)
- 1410 WING OH **Dayton** - 1/6 0048 - PSA on West Nile Virus alert, ESPN radio on "sportsradio WING." New. (HN-GA)
- 1430 WXKS MA **Everett** - 1/21 0908 - Daytime DX w/ ID @ 0909 "Boston, Belmont and Burlington, we play your music." NPR station underneath, presumed WPNI. Also heard on 1/17 in the evening with full ID @ 1800, news highlights, a brief stock market report, and then "I'm Dave Fammon(?), WXKS, AM 14-30." (BT-NB)
- 1490 WYYZ GA **Jasper** - 1/13 1209 - funeral announcements "sponsored by WYYZ as a public service." Good on longwire. First time heard this season. (HN-GA)
- 1500 WLQV MI **Detroit** - 1/15 1730 - totally wiping out usually dominant WTOP with "Victory 1500 WLQV" ID by woman into *Amazing Grace* program. Wonder if they "forgot" to reduce power? (MKB-ON)
- WFIF CT **Milford** - 1/21 1527 - over/under WTOP. Out of religious program w/ WFIF ID @ 1530. New. (BT-NB)
- 1520 WGAM MA **Greenfield** - 1/21 1531 - ID "50s, 60s and 70s, WGAM," then into "Will you Still Love Me Tomorrow" oldies song. New. (BT-NB)
- 1530 WLSP MI **Lapeer** - 1/15 1552 - ID, followed by call-in show, soon faded under WSAI. (AR-ON)
- 1570 WTLK NC **Taylorsville** - 1/1 2132 - Public service announcement for school bus drivers for Alexander County. Format is Gospel music with frequent weather reports. ID as "B-86" so it looks like this is just a repeater for 860. (HJH-PA)
- + 1/11 1841 - alone with GOS music, quick ID "This is gospel, WTLK", more GOS. Only 2nd time here. (JF-ON)
- WKDB MD **Towson** - 1/18 0800 - over nothing in particular with top of hour ID as "WKDB Towson-Baltimore" into Sporting News Radio sports update. (MKB-ON)
- 1580 WXRA KY **Georgetown** - 1/14 1750 - Talk about UKY sports, "Xtra Sports 1580" non-ID, good, topping the channel. Heard in the car on the way home from work.

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- Last logged as WSNE. (BDM-ON)
- WKUN GA **Monroe** - 1/21 0200 - ID "WKUN, the voice of Walton County", then back to gospel music, fair over a low-level jumble of stations. Not likely on 17 W night power! New. (BDM-ON)
- 1590 WARV RI **Warwick** - 12/28 0830 - Strong with promo for "Living Supernaturally". Weather report and IDs. (HJH-PA)
- WCAM SC **Camden** - 1/11 1610 - Country-ish religious tune, then southern-accented gent with invitation to join him for the bluegrass gospel hour, Sunday mornings at 11, "right here on WCAM, 1590 AM", fair signal and nearly alone in unusual pre-sunset conditions. New. (BDM-ON)
- WPWA PA **Chester** - 1/11 1636 - In fadeup, "Delaware County's own gospel station, WPWA", then wiped out by WAKR. (BDM-ON)
- 1600 WIDU NC **Fayetteville** - 1/1 2201 - Loud with WWRL nulled. Slogan "your community-minded radio station, WIDU." Then CNN News and "2002 - Year In Review". New. (HJH-PA)
- 1620 WDHP VI **Frederiksted** - 1/19 2130 - Call letters only heard under stronger WTAW-TX and HAR station in Pennsylvania. Been looking for this one for some time; possible aurora conditions - lots of Cubans across the dial. (PC-VA)
- 1630 KCJJ IA **Iowa City** - 1/16 1800 - "... on sixteen thirty, KCJJ Iowa City, Coralville, and ..." followed by locally originated news. (DL*MD)
- 1700 WEUV AL **Huntsville** - 1/18 1800 - "This is WEUV. WEUP ... and WHIY..." into GOS format. Interference from SPT format (KTBK?) and WJCC in SS. (DL*MD)

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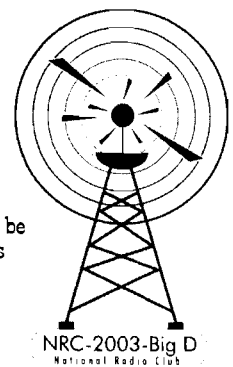
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Transatlantic DX

- 153 ALGERIA *Rdf* Sonore, Algeria JAN 19 0255-0302 - Presumed; man in Arabic, short talk and bumpers to chant at 0258. Man and woman in Arabic at 0301. Fair. [Frodge-MI]
- 162 FRANCE *France Inter*, Allouis JAN 18 2205 - Presumed; voice detectable. + JAN 19 0233 - Man and woman discussion in French. Fair. [Frodge-MI]
- 183 GERMANY *Europe 1*, Saarlouis JAN 19 0303-0315 - Presumed; two men and a woman discussion in French to 0310 French vocal. Discussion continued after tune. Poor/fair. [Frodge-MI]
- 189 ICELAND *Ríkisútvarpið*, Gufuskálar JAN 18 2205 - Presumed; barely detectable at 2205 to better but poor by 2317. + JAN 19 0031, 0231 - Woman with lengthy talk between pop tunes. Still poor but improving. [Frodge-MI]
- 198 UNITED KINGDOM *BBC Droitwich* JAN 18 2233 - Voice detectable. + JAN 19 0315-0321 - "BBC World Service" news and sports. Fair, parallel 9525 via Florida. [Frodge-MI]
- 1503 SPAIN *Radio 5*, synchros JAN 21 0628 - Tentative, with weak Spanish talk. Too weak to hear any words clearly, but sounded Spanish rather than Portuguese. Listed as 2 kW. Never heard here before. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1512 BELGIUM *RVI Wolvertem* JAN 21 0637 - Weak talk in 1510 slop. I went searching for a shortwave parallel without success, and upon returning it was gone. [Renfrew-NY]
- 1557 FRANCE *France Info*, Nice JAN 21 0435-0705 - Thanks to a tip from Barry in Ottawa on NRC's "dxtip" alert, I found this one with a man and woman talking over an extended period. Some fading, but at times quite strong. I was unsuccessful in trying to match the *France Info* webcast with this broadcast, the two seemed different (different, not delayed). No ID heard, although for the first two hours I was mistakenly listening for a *Radio Bleu* ID, so I'll have to listen to the tape I made. The latest *Medium Wave News* (JAN 2003) states that this transmitter is to go silent in the next few weeks, and will be replaced at a new site, the former *Radio Monte Carlo* site at Fontbonne. Not sure if my reception precedes or follows those "few weeks." [Renfrew-NY]
- 1584 SPAIN *SER* synchros JAN 21 0439 - In well with talk for about twenty minutes, then lost to noise. [Renfrew-NY]

Jim speaks: It's a rare day when I hear this many TA's in the same evening, especially when none of them is Croatia!

Pan-American DX

- 650 MEXICO XETNT Los Mochis, Sinaloa JAN 18 0728 - With lightning-fast announcer giving ID as "Radio 650" and "La Ranchera"; also mentioned "Punto Fino" in his statements. Heard a singing ID with the phrase "nunca..." in it, then followed by time check and male announcer, "Radio 650... Los Mochis." Signals weren't that good and kept fading over/under WSM Nashville. [Ponder-TX]
- 1300 MEXICO XEP Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua JAN 19 0558 - With "XEP" ID by male announcer. Heard "Radio Trece" ID by female announcer at 0610. Several of the musical selections had an electronic organ in the background. [Ponder-TX]

Transpacific DX

- 1575 THAILAND VOA Ayutthaya JAN 17 1146-1202 - Man speaking at threshold level, "Voice of America" made it through the noise at 1159:30. Audio picked up after 1200 with new program, soft voice woman with musical interludes - carrier doesn't get stronger after 1200 but audio seems to have more "punch." [Moore-FL]

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I'm 82 years old; I don't claim to be the oldest NRC member, but I wonder how many might be older than that. Perhaps people who go to Kulpville or local GTGs may have some idea. I have surprised myself by adding 13 new stations to my log since January 1. Some were "cheaters", daytimers operating after hours. High school basketball on Friday night was apparently responsible for one of these. Another "cheater" was a Gospel station in Georgia that couldn't have been using its authorized night power of 63 watts. Is it a sin when a religious station operates illegally? Some of my new catches were the result of happening to be on the right frequency at the right time for unusual propagation. I have a notion that stations to the west come in better when there is a high pressure weather system out that way. I found this to be true when I used to DX navigational beacons in the 190-530 kHz band, and believe that it's also true for the AM broadcast band. I get upset when I'm trying to use the Kiwa loop to null a station to my east or west under auroral conditions and Cubans come barreling in, blocking my reception of stations north of me. I'm more interested in logging Canadians than the Caribbean. At this time of year I can't take advantage of DX opportunities around LSS because I'm the one who cooks dinner. I have to wait until the seasons advance and we shift to Daylight Saving Time, when dinner is over before it gets dark. Also, after dinner my wife watches TV, which QRMs a number of channels. I do get a break at 7 o'clock Tuesday evenings, when a ladies' Bible study meets at our house and the TV is off.

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Well, Happy New Year everyone! I'd like to respond to a couple of points in PERRY CRABILL'S muse in issue #14. About 3 letter calls, it's my understanding that the FCC no longer issues them. Current stations such as WLS or WGN are grandfathered, but no station can change from a 4 letter to 3 letter call. In a few stations cases, giving up a 3 letter call to go to a 4 letter call, the stations were later allowed to take back the 3 letter call if they had kept it on an FM or TV station in the meantime (such as was the case with WGH-1310 a few years ago-DWS). But otherwise, give it up and its gone. 930 in Los Angeles became KKHJ after dropping the KHJ calls to become KRTH, when they wanted KHJ back, the FCC said no. On trying to get the FCC's attention when it comes to stations violating the rules, good luck! I tried to get the FCC to do something a few years ago about a local AM of mine that was flagrantly violating several rules, including running day power/pattern at night, throwing out sidebands 50khz either side of their frequency, and generating spurs all over the dial (these were actually spurs generated by the station, not by my receivers). Basically, after several tries, the FCC told me, in effect, to shut up and leave them alone. The station was finally sold 2 years ago, and the first thing the new owners did was buy a new transmitter and get the night antenna pattern working again. I talked to the new engineer, who told me everything I had suspected about the previous owners neglect was true. And the FCC didn't care a whit. WKBZ-1520 is now officially dead. After 76 years in the market, operating on 4 different frequencies, the station had its license cancelled by the FCC because it had not operated in over a year. The former studio/transmitter site (and all 9 towers) are now gone, with a condominium development going up at that location. Thus ends the saga of Western Michigan's oldest radio station, what a shame....

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